

Republican Club at The Villages April “Send-out”

In the absence of a President’s Message, I am calling this a “send-out” instead of a newsletter. If Uncle Burt sends me something, I will send it out separately.

FROM THE COMMITTEES:

From Cathy Pope and the Sunshine Committee of one:

Dear Fellow VGCC Republicans,

We are going through some trying times right now and I just want you to know I am here if you would like someone to talk with, or if you know of someone who needs some cheering up or a card sent.

If you are able, it is wonderful to take a walk and breathe in the fresh air, or sit on your front porch and feel the warm sun. There is so much beauty around us at The Villages. I am grateful that President Trump is leading us, and I am praying for all that this virus is defeated as quickly as humanly possible.

My telephone number is 408-270-2141 and my email address is c2popes@gmail.com. Thinking of you, Cathy Pope (**Ed. note:** Cathy is very sensitive about personal information. You may share with her in complete confidence.)

Reservations/Menu Co-Chair Jean Corrigan:

Jean arrived home here in The Villages Tuesday evening, March 24 after her 14-day mandatory quarantine at Travis Air Force Base. She says “I am just so delighted to be QUARANTINED In my own home! I have great neighbors who shop for me. I have plenty to do at home, so all’s good with me!” Jean shared that six of the seven Villagers she was with were bocce players. Out of boredom, she figures, they created a game. An abundance of apples and oranges gave rise to two teams: The Apple team and the Orange team. A hard-boiled egg became the pallino. They entertained passersby and had a lot of laughs. “When the world gives you lemons...” use apples and oranges!

Repeat message from Reservations/Menu Co-Chair Donna Roberson:

We need a SOCIAL COMMITTEE. (**Well, maybe not immediately now:**)

I have been filling in with the coffee for our meetings at Foothill, but We HAVE NO SOCIAL CHAIR or COMMITTEE. I have all the supplies (and there are a lot) in my garage. Now we need someone to step up and TAKE ON THIS DUTY. I will even continue to store the supplies if you do not have room, but I can no longer haul them to and from the meeting. Come on members, help your CLUB by volunteering for this special social committee. There are many who will volunteer to bring stuff, if there is just one person to stand up and be responsible.

Speaker Chair Del Herfurth and your editor:

- Paul Preston, President of New California Movement, our planned speaker for the March 26 meeting, will hopefully be available to us when the remainder of our 2020 calendar becomes clear. Mr. Preston is the Agenda 21 talk radio host, 6 – 9 a. m. M-W-F on redstatetalk.com. He also hosts agenda21radio.news. Here is a link to his website: <https://twitter.com/a21rpaul>.

As mentioned last month, New California Movement seeks to create the 51st state in the union, New California: “After years of over taxation and regulation, the State of California and many of its 58 counties have become ungovernable with declines in basic services such education, law enforcement, fire protection, housing, health care and homelessness, just to name a few. New California will be the sixth largest state. It is estimated 25 – 27 seats in the U. S. House of Representatives will go to the new state.”

- Marco Gutierrez, President of Latinos for Trump, was going to be our April 23 dinner speaker. He is a Mexican-American described with disdain by the mainstream media as a “right-wing political activist and the co-founder of Latinos for Trump, an online organization dedicated to promoting the candidacy of Donald Trump in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The Latinos for Trump website starts with: “We are **Latinos** who will unite and mobilize to re-elect President Donald J. **Trump**. Another four years means more jobs, better education for our kids, and freedom...Mr. Gutierrez lives in Discovery Bay, California and, of course, we hope to have him speak to us when all calendars become clear.
- Judge Steven C. Bailey was a potential speaker for our May 28 meeting – also on hold. Judge Bailey was an El Dorado County Superior Court judge for 8½ years before retiring in August 2017. Running as a Republican, he finished second in the June 2018 primary for attorney general. He was defeated by Democratic incumbent Xavier Becerra in November, receiving 36.4 percent of the vote. Judge Bailey’s diverse assignments included civil, criminal, probate and juvenile cases during his 8 1/2 years of service. He was elected twice to the Superior Court of El Dorado County, where he served four years as the Presiding Juvenile Judge and was instrumental in the creation of the county's Veterans Court.
- Del has also spoken to a potential speaker named Ignacio Cruz. He was running for US congress- CA19. His web site is: www.CruzUSA.org.

EDITORIAL PAGES

Due to popular demand, and if the gathering scheduled to begin July 20 takes place at all, the remainder of day 1 of the Democratic National Convention schedule, subsequent to the flag burning ceremony with Don Lemon, is herewith presented. (*editor's comments are italicized and bolded.*)

4:00 PM Address on "Being the Real You," by Rachel Dolezal, former head of the Seattle NAACP, and Caitlyn Jenner (***Ms Dolezal turned out not to be black at all!***)

4:30 PM "How to make \$200M as a Public Servant and Claim to be Broke," by Hillary Clinton. (***We are hearing the contrast where Donald Trump made his \$millions/billions first, then turned to public service, whereas his detractors entered public service first, then made their \$millions/billions...somehow!.***)

5:00 PM "How to have a successful career without a job, and avoid taxation,"
Moderated by Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson

5:30 PM Medal of Freedom presentation to Bo Bergdahl

6:00 PM Autograph Session for Souvenir photographs of Elizabeth Warren in Native American costume

6:30 PM Tribute to All 57 States, by Barack Obama

7:00 PM General vote to praise Baltimore rioters, and substitute "Alternative Shopping" in place of "looting" (***This is so funny...alternative shopping!***)

7:30 PM White House Semantics Committee Meeting to vote on re-branding "Muslim Terrorism" as "Countering Islamophobia"

8:00 PM "Liberal Bias in Media – How to make it work for you." Tutorial sponsored by CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, Washington Post, and the New York Times.

8:30 PM Tribute Film to the Brave Freedom Fighters incarcerated at GITMO, by Michael Moore

9:00 PM Personal Finance Seminar - "Businesses Don't Create Jobs," hosted by Barack Obama

9:30 PM Official Condemnation of American Gun Owners with Bibles

11:00 PM The nomination of Michelle Obama, by Jim Acosta and Chris Hays

WELCOME TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!

The story goes that a girl of about 12 came home with her mother from the grocery store and told her father that there was a man begging near the entrance. She asked if her father would give her \$50 to take to the man. She thought her father would approve of her selfless motive.

Her dad said "Tell you what. I need several things done around here. If you will sweep the sidewalk, mow the lawn and spray paint the rocking chair, I will pay you \$50, which you can then go and give to the man."

The girl thought about this for a bit and said, "Why don't I have him come here and do those chores himself, then you can pay him directly?"

Her dad smiled and said "Welcome to the Republican Party!"

SOCIALISM VS CAPITALISM – NOTES and QUOTES

Your humble editor graduated with departmental honors in Economics from Stanford University. Unfortunately, that was in 1971: I remember almost nothing and everything has changed, anyway.

But I remember understanding at the time that an economy – any economy – needs capital formation (a concentration of wealth) to facilitate investment and growth. In a planned economy the wealth is concentrated in the government, as opposed to the citizens (e.g. the dreaded 1%.) Governments can invest in infrastructure – roads, bridges, dams, etc. That helps. But private capital in a free market economy fuels innovation and growth.

It doesn't take a college degree to see that if the opponents to our free enterprise system were to prevail, transfer significant wealth from the 1% to the government and then squander it on social programs, they would effectively kill the engine of growth.

Another way to look at socialism versus capitalism is this quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln, 1864: "That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise." (*They talked funny in those days!*)

As attributed to Winston Churchill: "Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."

Author unknown: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

Switching gears a little from Capitalism to Democracy, however:

Benjamin Franklin is said to have said "Democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for lunch."

And Winston Churchill is said to have said that the best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter. *Ouch!*

The following was circulated separately 2-3 weeks ago, with a promise to repeat it here:

The difference between capitalism and the welfare mentality:

A guy looked at my Corvette the other day and said, "I wonder how many people could have been fed for the money that sports car cost?"

I replied I'm not sure;

- **it fed a lot of families in Bowling Green , Kentucky who built it,**
- **it fed the people who make the tires,**

- it fed the people who made the components that went into it,
- it fed the people in the copper mine who mined the copper for the wires,
- it fed people at Caterpillar who make the trucks that haul the copper ore.
- It fed the trucking people who hauled it from the plant to the dealer
- and fed the people working at the dealership and their families.

BUT,... I have to admit, I guess I really don't know how many people it fed.

When you buy something, you put money in people's pockets and give them dignity for their skills.

When you give someone something for nothing, you rob them of their dignity and self-worth.

Capitalism is freely giving your money *in exchange for something of value.*
 Socialism is having the government take your money against your will and give it to someone else for doing nothing (*In exchange for nothing of value.*)

CARTOON OF THE MONTH

(Understanding Trump Derangement Syndrome)

TRUTH!!!

Imagine you have 25 years experience in your job. A new guy comes in with no experience and immediately begins running circles around you. You had your boss convinced there were legitimate reasons for not getting stuff done. And the new guy does it anyway. Imagine your resentment, fear, & bitterness over potential loss of job and power.

Now you know why Washington D.C. hates President Trump.

Elisabeth Warren Tribute Page



FOR THE RECORD

General Meeting Dates
(All Thursdays)

Revised schedule to be announced when confirmed

Board of Directors

Resumption to be announced. Location to be confirmed*

(First Monday of the Month, 10:00 a.m., Building A)

**We received notice on April 10 that the May 4 Board meeting in Building A is cancelled, and that Building A will not be available for use in May or June.*

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